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On Doorstep

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On
Doorstep

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THAT
STARTLED
ME.

THAT WAS
AN EASY
TAKE...

IT WAS MY
FIRST OF THE
DAY...



Arriving
at 14th Street
Union Square
Station.

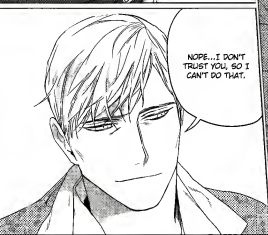
Next station...

Do not hold doors

Do not hold doors

Do not hold doors

On
Doorstep
Chapter 1



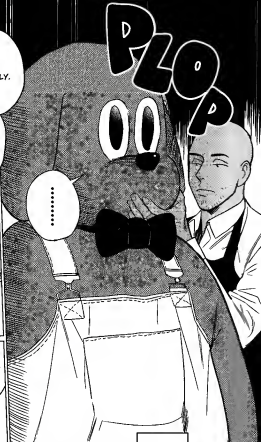






FITS PERFECTLY.

I WAS WORRIED, SINCE WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TODAY.





And steal everything
he's got!

KAClACK
KAClACK

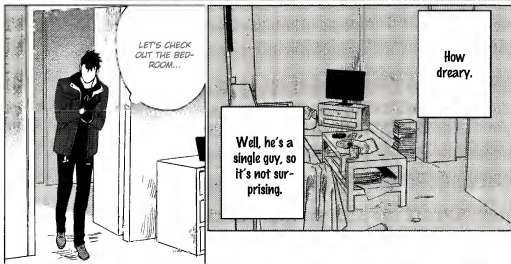
but now I'll follow
him to find out
where he lives...!

He thinks I'm
just an ordinary
pickpocket.

Are you
leaving
now,
Reese?

Yes Good
evening







He was a
police officer?!



RUN
RUN



BUT HE'S
CONNECTED
TO THEM...!

NO, HE'S RETIRED,
SO HE'S NOT A
POLICEMAN...?

LOOK

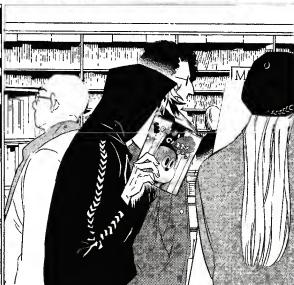
AROUND

IF HE CATCHES
ME AGAIN, HE'S
NOT GONNA
JUST PUT ME
IN AN ANIMAL
COSTUME!

THE FRIEND OF
A POLICEMAN
IS A POLICE-
MAN! AND I'M
THE POLICE-
MAN'S ENEMY!



BOOK
STORE



If I ask, it'll
only make him
more suspicious.

WHY
ISN'T MR.
REESE HERE
TODAY?

I'm worried that
yesterday wasn't
the end of it, but...

HIS DAY
OFF?

OR DID HE
GO TO REPORT
ME TO THE
POLICE?

HE'S
NOT HERE
TODAY.





THEY BROKE
INTO THE
HOUSE AND
THEN AMBUS-
HED HIM!

A GANG OF
THUGS KILLED A
POLICE OFFICER
IN HIS HOME.

IT WAS A
HORRIBLE
CRIME.

YOU DIDN'T
KNOW? IT
WAS ALL
OVER THE
NEWS.

THAT'S...

TERRIBLE.

HE
BROKE
INTO HIS
HOUSE...

YOU REALLY
ARE AN IDIOT,
JIMMY.

SHUT UP
AND TELL
ME ABOUT
IT.

HAS THE
MURDERER
BEEN
ARRESTED?

THE PLACE
WAS COMPLE-
TELY TORN
APART.

RIGHT?

AND THE ONE
WHO FOUND
HIM WAS THE
POLICEMAN'S
PARTNER,
THEY SAY.

NOT YET.

I TOLD
YOU I'M NOT
DRINKING
TONIGHT,
DUMMY.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO
TALK ABOUT SUCH A
SCARY THING? WELL, I
TOLD YOU EVERYTHING
SO LET'S DRINK NOW.

WELL, THEN!

SO...THAT
GUY'S THE
PARTNER?

SINCE YOU SEEMED
LIKE YOU WERE IN A
BAD MOOD I THOUGHT
I'D TRY TO CHEER YOU
UP, BUT I'M OUT!



DIZZY



IF THAT'S
THE CASE, IF
SOMEONE
SNEAKING
INTO THE
HOUSE.

THEY'D
THINK I WAS
THE KILLER,
WOULDN'T
THEY?







JIMMY,
WASNT IT?



I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR
HIM FOR A
WEEK, SO I
PROBABLY
LOOK WEIRDLY
HAPPY...

SHIT.

EXCUSE
ME...

OH,
YOU'RE...



OF
COURSE
NOT!

I DON'T
HAVE A GUILTY
CONSCIENCE.
THAT'S WHY I
COULD JUST
WALK UP TO
YOU!

HAHA! I
GUESS

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

NOT STILL
PICKING
POCKETS,
ARE YOU?

IT'S
UNUSUAL
THAT YOU
RECOGNIZED
ME FIRST

NORMALLY
PEOPLE
WOULD TRY
TO RUN
AWAY.



If we paint
here, he won't

IT'S...

Investigate the
matter of the
prosecutor, will he?



WELL, I'M ON
MY WAY TO
WORK, SO...

OH, WAIT A
MINUTE, THE
TRUST IS...

?



I SEE.

THE TRUTH IS,
IT'S A CERTAIN
SOMEONE'S FAULT
FOR SCARING ME
SO MUCH I CAN'T
DO IT!





NO, MAYBE
HE'S JUST
GOING TO LET
ME FLOUNDER...

DOESN'T HE
KNOW ABOUT
THE BREAK-IN?
OR THAT I'M
THE KILLER?

GEEZ,
HE HASN'T
SAID A
WORD.

I want to
stay near
him and
look at this
situation.

...even if he
finds me out, if
I get close to
him, he might
forgive me.

STAFF
ONLY

JIMMY...

SAYING
YOU LIKE
THIS KIND
OF WORK...
THAT'S A LIE,
RIGHT?

Why would I
be doing this
otherwise?!

SO LOOKS
LIKE YOU LIKE
IT HERE, HUH?

OH, IF IT ISN'T
OUR STUFFED
ANIMAL MAN?

HAHA!
THAT'S
RIGHT.

He knows?!
He knows I'm
the killer?!

EE... EHH!
N...No.

OH, SIT
DOWN.
YOU'RE ON
BREAK,
AREN'T
YOU?

I JUST
CAME TO
TAKE IN-
VENTORY.



NO? HE
DOESN'T
KNOW
...?

BE LESS
VAGUE!

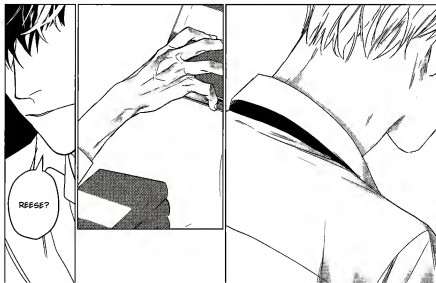
WELL, YEAH.
I'VE GOT MONEY
WORRIES...THAT
KIND OF THING.
SO THANKS FOR
INTRODUCING
ME.

YEAH.

BEFORE YOU DIDN'T
REALLY SEEM TO BE
ENJOYING YOUR-
SELF. YOU'RE THE
TYPE WHOSE FACE
SHOWS EVERYTHING,
YOU KNOW?

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU WANT TO
WORK HERE,
BUT...





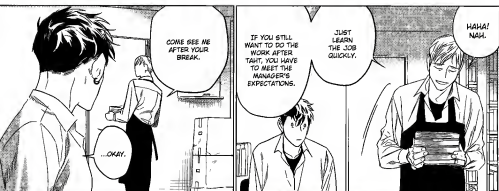


HM?

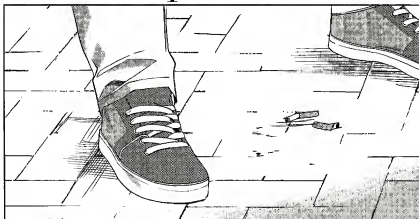


CAN I
LEND YOU
A HAND?

WELL...
UM...



On Doorstep CHAPTER 2









...His face is
really my type.

OH, WATCHING
YOU SMOKE
MAKES ME WANT
ANOTHER ONE...



I'M A BIT
SURPRISED
AT MYSELF

7



BUT IT'S THE
FIRST TIME IT'S
BEEN SUCH AN
OLDER GUY.

THAT'S
RIGHT...

HIS
NARROW AND
LIGHT-COLORED
EYES ARE SO
SEXY...

MY FAVORITE
TYPE OF FACE
ON A MAN.





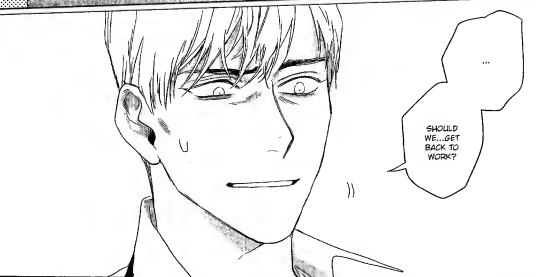












we went
out for Thai
food.

Anyhow,
after that...







WHY WOULD
I CALL YOU?



WHAAAT? IN
THAT CASE,
YOU MUST BE
LONELY WHEN
YOU'RE NOT
FEELING
WELL.

WILL THE
SOUND OF
YOUR VOICE
CURE ME?

FROM
NOW ON,
YOU SHOULD
JUST GIVE
ME A CALL.



DON'T YOU
HAVE ANYONE
TO TAKE CARE
OF WHEN
YOU'RE SICK?

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
FAMILY?

I LIVE
ALONE.



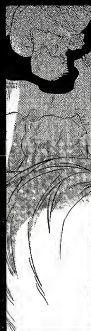
NO...

I COULD
GO TO YOUR
PLACE AND
TAKE CARE
OF YOU,
RIGHT?

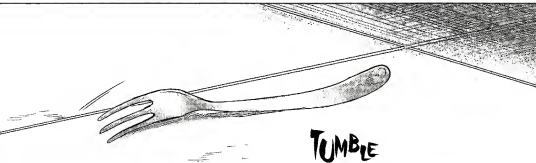


AND LOOK
AFTER YOU
PROPERLY.

I COULD
COOK FOR
YOU, AND GIVE
YOU YOUR
MEDICINE
...



CLANG



EXCUSE
ME, ANO-
THER FORK
PLEASE?



OH, YEAH...

LET'S ASK
THEM TO
BRING YOU
ANOTHER
ONE.



ANYWAY,
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
FEELING
BETTER.

I GOT IT.

I UNDER-
STAND

Getting this
agitated just
because I said
I'd go to his
place...

Because of
the trauma of
that incident,
he probably
doesn't want
anyone to enter
his home.



And his health
is damaged
from it as

and took time
off because of
the shock.

If he's this high strung,
he must be aware of
the break-in...





ARE WE
GOING TO
END THE
NIGHT LIKE
THIS?



DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU'D TAKE
IT SLOW?



BUT I
DIDN'T SAY
WE'D DO
ANYTHING
DIRTY.

WHAT
WERE YOU
IMAGINING,
REESE?



BESIDES,
YOU SAID YOU
DIDN'T LIKE TO
TAKE THINGS
SLOW.



THIS IS
SLOW FOR
ME.



IF YOU
TREAT ME
TOMORROW
LIKE YOU
ARE THIS
MORNING
...

BUT...



...I'M
JOKING.

WHAT ARE YOU?
10 YEARS OLD?

...DON'T
FLICK
WITH
ME.



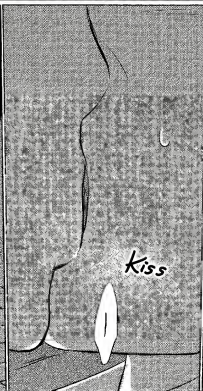
AND IF
NOTHING
CHANGES,

I'LL BE
SO UPSET
I WON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

I don't have
to tell him
that I was
the one.

who
broke into
his house...

IF YOU
DON'T MIND









HOW WAS
THAT?

DID YOU FEEL
SOMETHING?

That
wasn't
fair,

But I don't
want him to
hate me.



point
point





HE'S

SHOWING
ME A FACE
LIKE THIS...

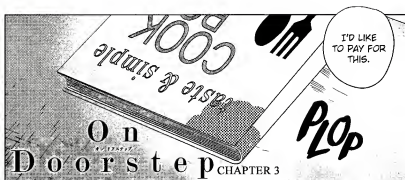
SEE YOU
TOMMOROW,

REESE.

If I just
keep quiet...

I want
to enter

Deeper
and deeper
inside him.









It's been such
a long time...



...since I've
had someone
waiting for
me.

Reese!



Having
someone
waiting for
me is...

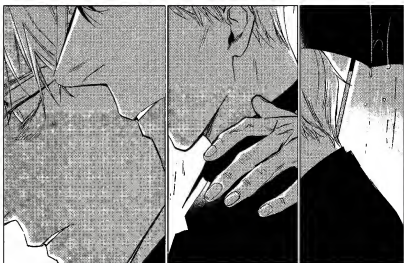




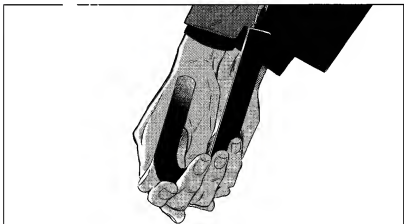








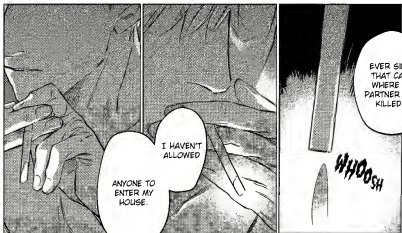
He must have waited
all that time in the
cold rain, but...



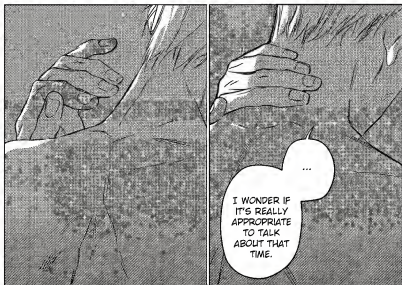
The places where
I touch him...

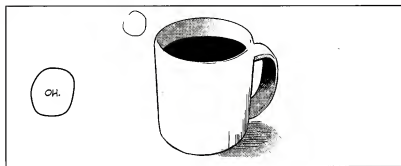


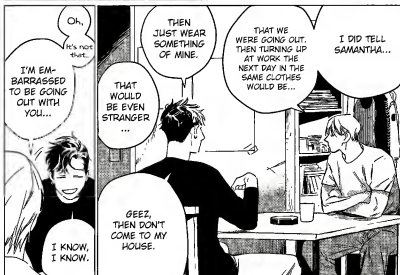
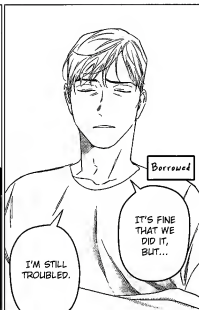
...are really warm.





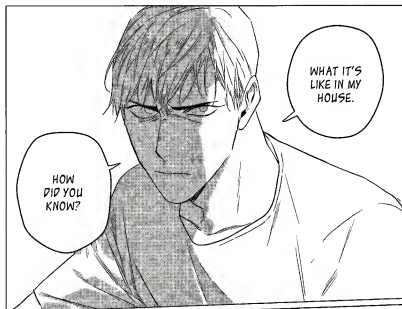


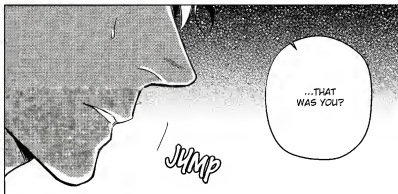








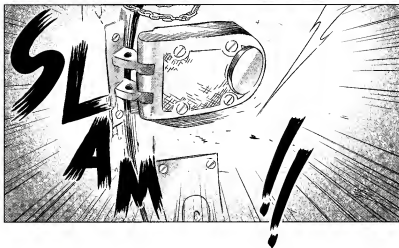


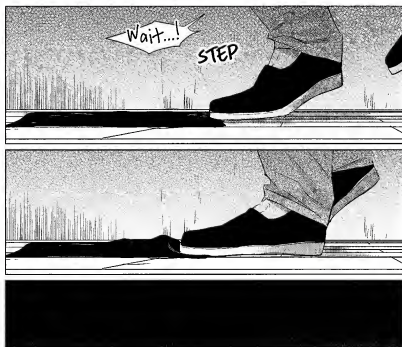












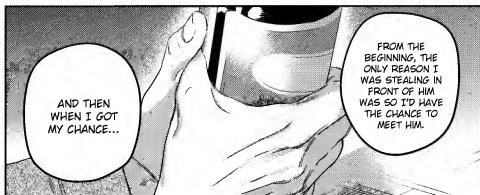
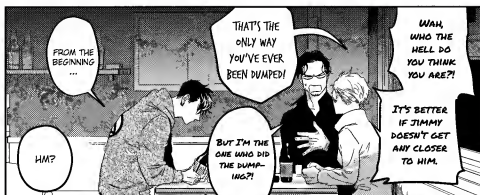


HE BROKE
UP WITH ME.

On
Doorstep
Chapter 4

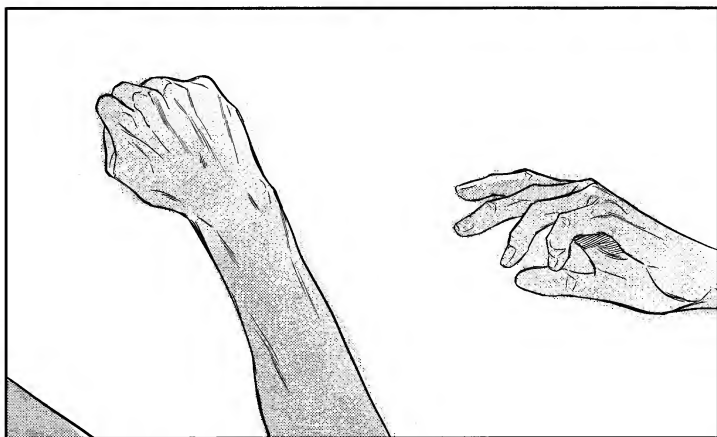












JIMMY,
ARE YOU
LISTENING?







Next day,
at the
bookstore









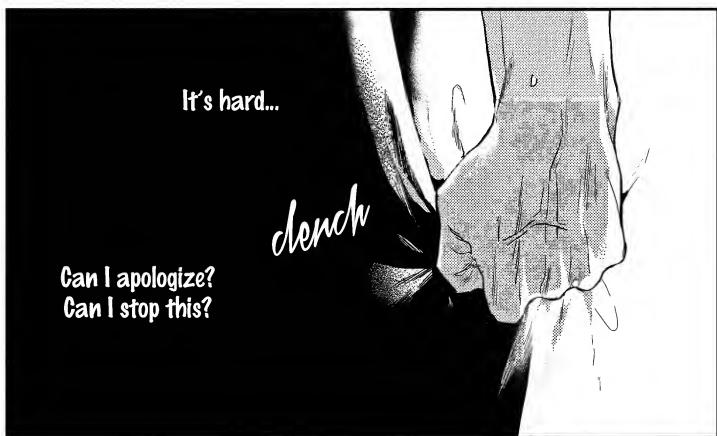
Because he's
so angry...
Because it's
all my fault...

It's to be
expected, but...



Reese...

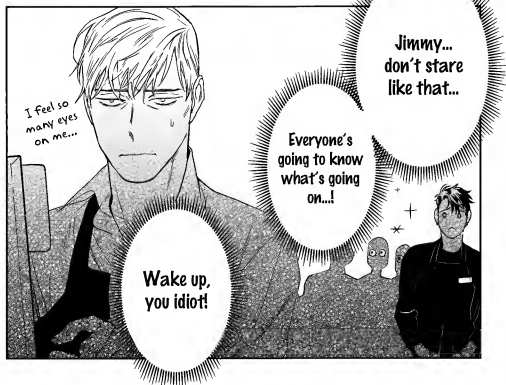
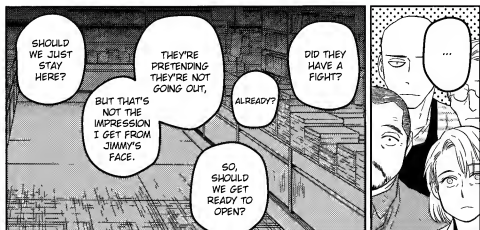
hasn't looked
this way once.

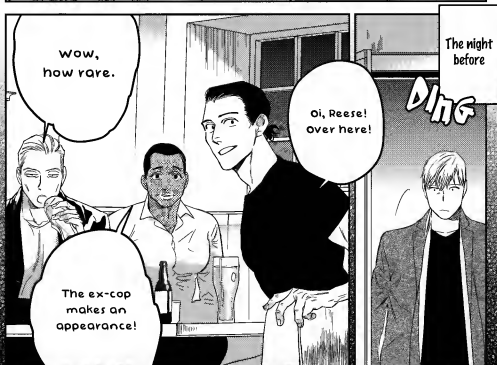


It's hard...

clench

Can I apologize?
Can I stop this?













THIS IS
RIDICULOUS...

...INCHING
ALONG LIKE THIS
AT MY AGE.



I CAN'T...

SHAKE OFF
THIS MOOD.





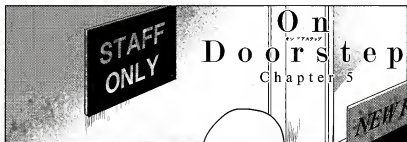


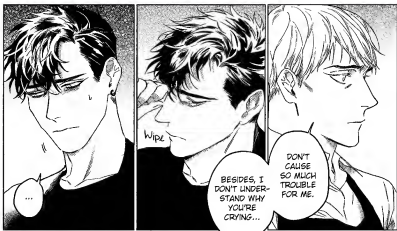






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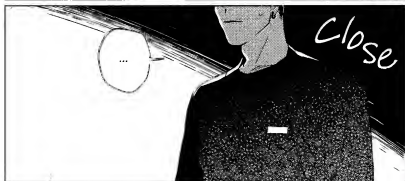


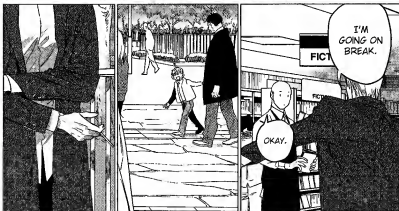


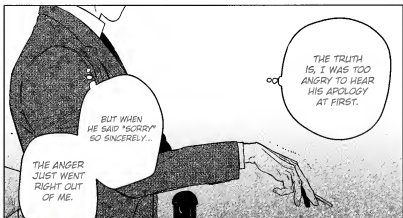




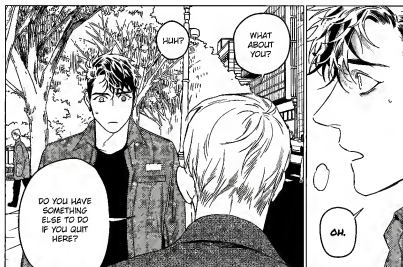




















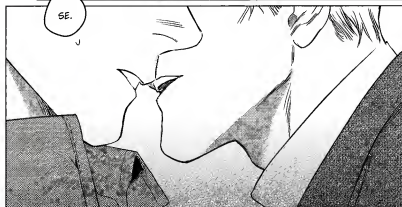


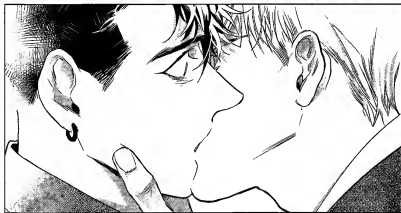


















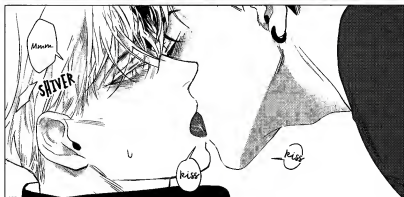


CHAPTER 5/END















WHAT
KIND OF
REASON-
ING IS
THAT?



SO I'LL BE
SATISFYING
YOU.



Ah

jolt

squeeze

push

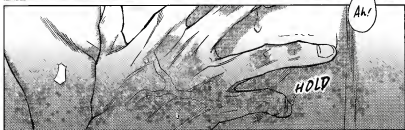


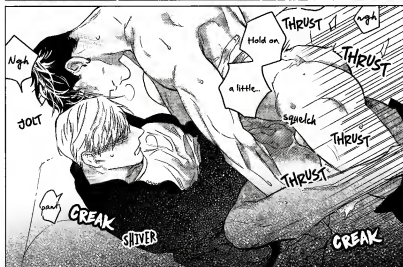
OKAY...

I'M PUTTING
IT IN...

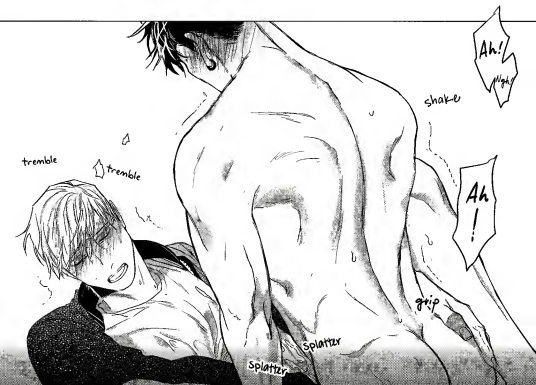
squelch

slide











Some
days
later

tap

REESE.

WAIT.

WHY
ARE YOU
COMING
WITH ME?

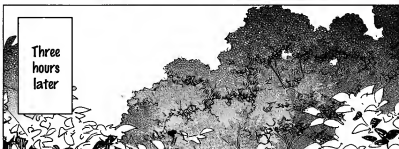
DIDN'T YOU
WORK LATE AT
A DIFFERENT
JOB YESTER-
DAY AFTER
YOUR BOOK-
STORE SHIFT
WAS OVER?

IT WOULD BE
BETTER IF YOU
STAYED HOME
AND RESTED
TODAY.

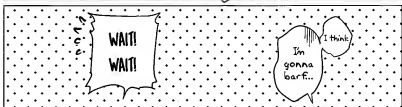


YOU NEED A YOUNG GUY WHO'S FULL OF ENERGY TO SUPPORT YOU!

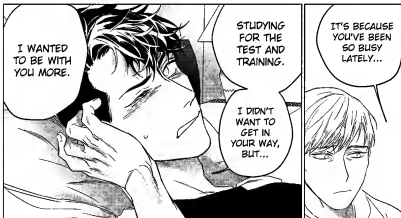
YOUNG GUY













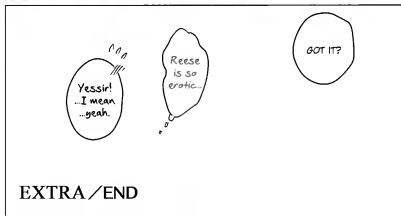




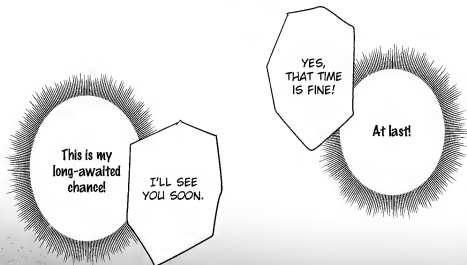






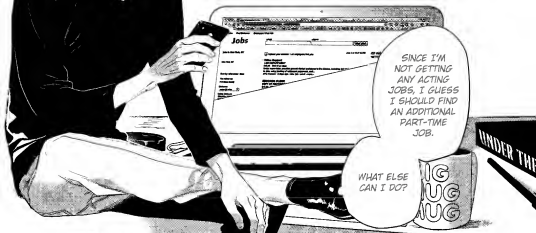
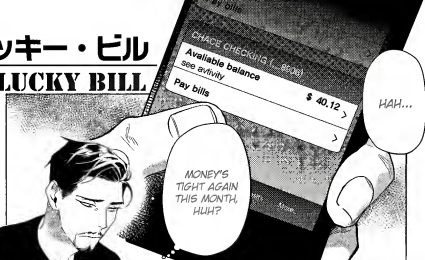


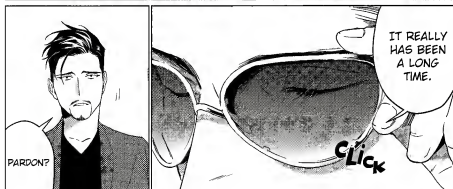
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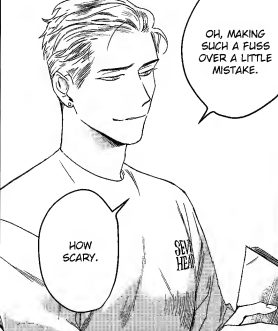
ラッキー・ビル

LUCKY BILL











WHO NEEDS
A THIRD-
RATE ACTOR
LIKE YOU?

THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
BIG PLAYERS
LIKE YOU
AROUND,

BETTER THAN
A GUY LIKE
YOU WHO CAN'T
TAKE ANYTHING
SERIOUSLY.



Since
that
time...

I'M NOT THAT
UNREASONABLE.

NOW, NOW,
DON'T FIGHT
ABOUT SOME-
THING LIKE,
YOU TWO.

IT'S ALMOST
AS IF YOU'RE
FIGHTING FOR
REAL.





I'M GRATEFUL TO
YOU, CHARLES.

THE TRUTH
IS, WHEN I
SAW YOUR
DEMO REEL,
I WAS SUR-
PRISED

THAT'S THE
SORT OF
THING YOU
DO WHEN
YOU'RE STILL
UNKNOWN,
SO...

REACH

clack



press

AT ANY
RATE,

BUT
YOU'RE
SOMEONE
WITH REAL
ABILITY,

SO CAN'T
YOU FIND
A GOOD
ROLE...

TWITCH

ER...

YOU'RE
PERFECT
FOR A
ROLE

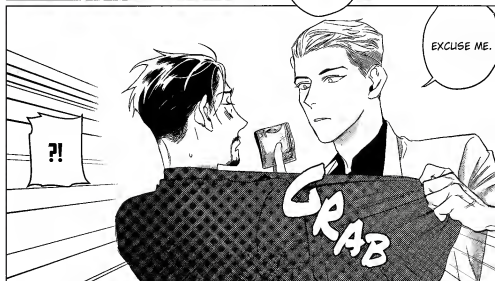
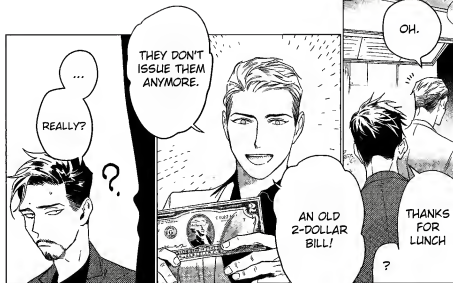
IN A
SCREENPLAY
I'VE JUST
RECIEVED

WITHOUT
BOTHERING
WITH SUCH
THINGS?

OH.









NO DOUBT
I'LL FAIL
THE AUDITION
SHAMEFULLY.

AND
I WON'T
HAVE ANY
PLACE TO
RUN.

HE ALWAYS
WAS A RUDE
GUY.

BUT THAT
WAS DOWN-
RIGHT SUG-
GESTIVE.

WELL, I 'LL
E-MAIL YOU.

ALL
RIGHT.



But will I
let myself
get taken
advantage
of so easily?

Don't count
me out!

AUDITIONS



AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE ABLE TO SING AND PLAY MUSIC AGAIN.

MY HAND WILL GET BETTER SOMETIME,

WHETHER IT'S SOONER OR LATER.



AN AUDITION LIKE THIS

I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

I THINK I CAN DO IT.

IS PRETTY EASY.

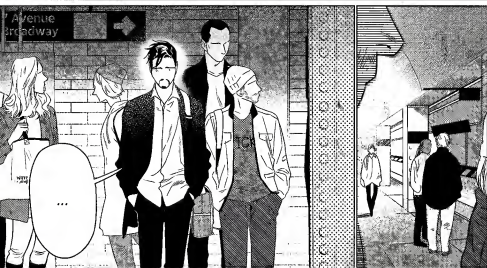
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I...

...DON'T DOUBT THE APPLAUSE WILL COME.

...





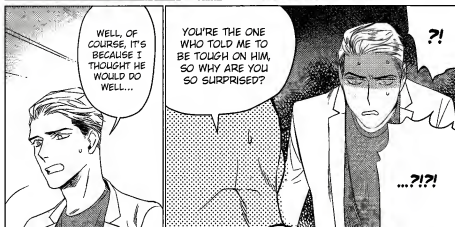
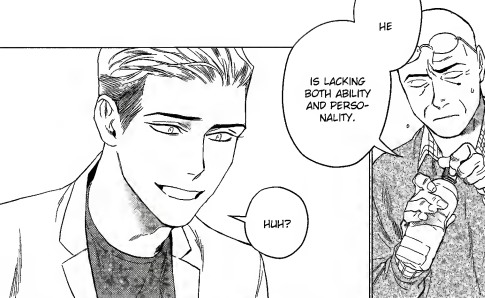


...HOW
PITIFUL!



HOW DID
IT GO?

Knock
Knock





SO WHY
DID I GO TO
THE TROUBLE
TO...?

WHY?
WHY WOULD HE
JUST RESIGN
HIMSELF TO
FAILURE IN SUCH
A SITUATION?

FROM HIS
OUTWARD
APPEAR-
ANCE, HE'S
NOTHING
LIKE THAT...

ON THE SECOND
PAGE, IT SAYS
HE'S A GENIUS
WITH A DANGE-
ROUS CHARM...
DOES HE HAVE
THAT KIND OF
PERSONALITY?

THE ROLE
HE PLAYED...

CEBRATION OF
INVIOUS BIRTH

?

THE
TRUTH IS,

IT WASN'T
JUST THAT.

WITH HIS
FACE, HE'S
PERFECT!

THAT'S
NOT TRUE
AT ALL!



I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
CHARLES ALL
THIS TIME.

I WOULD KNOW
BETTER THAN
ANYONE WHICH
ROLES WOULD SUIT
HIM BEST.



YOU SURELY DON'T
THINK I'D HAVE
RECOMMENDED HIM
WITHOUT READING
THE SCRIPT?

AS SOON
AS I READ IT, I
THOUGHT THERE
WAS NO ONE FOR
THAT PART BUT
HIM!



No, it's not like that.
I mean I've been wat-
ching him closely the
past five years or
so...

oh...

A stalker,
then?



ARE YOU HIS
MANGAGER?

SAYING
YOU'VE BEEN
WATCHING
HIM...



IT'S HIS
CHANCE...

OPEN

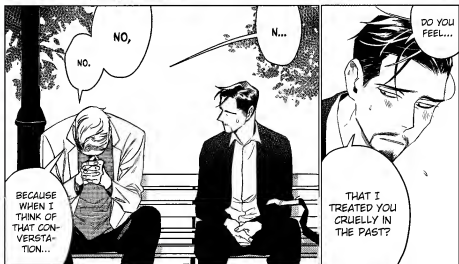


NO MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES YOU
SAY IT, THAT
AUDITION WAS
A COMPLETE
MESS.

...THEN PLEASE
HAVE A LOOK
AT HIM ONE
MORE TIME.

I'M GOING
TO BRING
HIM BACK!







I FELT IN
LOVE WITH
YOU SO
MUCH...

I COULDN'T
GIVE YOU UP...



AND I
WAS ALWAYS
WORRIED I
WOULDN'T
HAVE A WAY
OF SEEING
YOU.

SINCE IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO BE
AN ACTOR.

SO I
BECAME
AN AGENT.

...



THIS
GUY... WAS
HE ALWAYS
THIS AWK-
WARD?

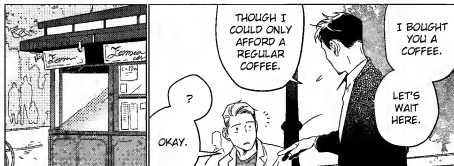
AND
IS THAT
THE ONLY
REASON
WHY...?

...

...

BUT IT'S
KIND OF
CUTE...





I JUST WANTED TO DO IT FOR SOME REASON.

LOOKING AT YOU, I REALIZED SOMETHING.

BUT I WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO BUY IT...

?

I USED THE TWO-DOLLAR BILL YOU GAVE ME TO BUY THESE.

I'M TOTALLY BROKE NOW, SO I'LL HAVE TO WALK HOME.

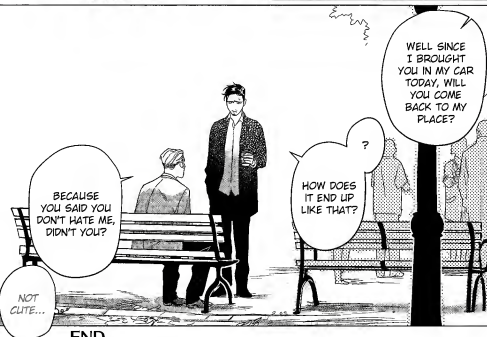


...



I MUST
HAVE USED
UP THOSE
TWO DOLLARS'
WORTH OF
GOOD LUCK
TODAY..

I'M GOING TO
START OVER NEW
JUST LIKE YOU
AND TRY TO GIVE
IT EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT.



BECAUSE
YOU SAID YOU
DON'T HATE ME,
DIDN'T YOU?

NOT
CUTE...

?

HOW DOES
IT END UP
LIKE THAT?

WELL SINCE
I BROUGHT
YOU IN MY CAR
TODAY, WILL
YOU COME
BACK TO MY
PLACE?

END



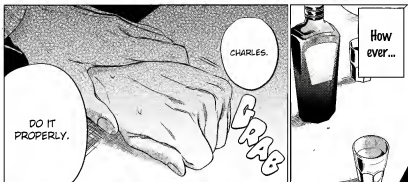
When
my acting
career was
on the skids,

he was
the one who
understood
and sym-
phatized.

My lover
Ian is...

LET'S TRY
IT ONE MORE
TIME, I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO IT
WITH YOU,
CHARLES.

ラッキー・
ドランカー
LUCKY DRINKER



CHARLES.

DO IT
PROPERLY.

GRAB

How
ever...



PLEASE
PRACTICE YOUR
ACTING AND
YOUR VOCALIZA-
TION TWICE AS
MUCH NOW.

YOU DID SAY
YOU WANTED
TO BE LIKE ME
AND PUT YOUR
BEST INTO IT.

YOU'RE
GOING TO
ABIDE BY
WHAT YOU
SAID, AREN'T
YOU?

HE'S PUT
HIS WHOLE
WEIGHT ON
ME.

squash

His per-
sonality
changes
when he's
drunk.

YOU'RE

HEAVY



Hello, this is CTK.

Both "Lucky Bill" and "On Doorstep" were set entirely in New York. I really do have a two-dollar bill given to me by a friend. It was fun drawing that among other things.

To my managing editor, as well as to everyone in the Libre editorial department whose efforts produced this work, to my translator, Kana-sama, who lent her determination and understanding, and to everyone who picked this book up, I extend my thanks.

In hopes we can meet again some day!



